DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

744 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814



October 11, 2003

ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-69-03

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL CalWORKs PROGRAM SPECIALISTS

REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL
 [] State Law Change [] Federal Law or Regulation

SUBJECT: BUREAU OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES (BCIS)

CASE STATUS ONLINE SERVICE

REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY LETTER (ACL) 00-07

ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE (ACIN) 1-89-00

The purpose of this notice is to introduce the new BCIS Case Status Online Service, an alternative to the Vermont Service Center. This online service can assist counties in determining California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids Program (CalWORKs) eligibility for battered noncitizens that have an approved petition or a deferred action decision from the BCIS, formerly the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Battered noncitizens are eligible as PRUCOL (Permanently Residing Under Color of Law) for CalWORKs if they have a BCIS document which indicates an approved petition or a pending petition which sets forth a prima facie case, or a court order from EOIR (Executive Office for Immigration Review) as described within All County Letter No. 00-07.

The BCIS Case Status Online Service allows counties to check the status of a client's case over the internet. To access a client's case status the county must enter the application receipt number. The application receipt number is found on the forms provided to the client after they have submitted an application to the BCIS center. BCIS Case Status Online Service can be found on the internet at http://www.immigration.gov. In addition to the online service, you can call 1-800-375-5283 toll-free for automated case status assistance.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please call David Willey of the CalWORKs Eligibility Bureau at (916) 654-3062.

Sincerely,

Original signed on 10/11/03

CHARR LEE METSKER, Chief

Employment and Eligibility Branch

c: CWDA CSAC